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DAILY ARGUS.

MONDAY, DEC. 28, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Fair to-night, Tuesday partly cloudy; warmer, south-westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the register of the thermometer at Morris' drug store, to-day: 7 a. m., 25°; 12 m., 30°; 3 p. m., 33°.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Clearing up sale at Morris' Wools.

—Full cream cheese at Slout's Cash Store.

—Jackets and capes at Geo. B. Adams & Co.

—New Year's presents at S. W. Millspaugh & Co.

—Magic toothache drops at Chambers' Pharmacy.

—Bargains at John E. Adams'.

—Try Chambers' White Pine Balsam.

—Towels at Weller & Demarest's.

—Chambers' Mandrake hair pills.

—Felt boots at C. D. Haagard's.

—Great bargains at Katzinger's.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Peck's Bad Boy at the Casino, 15 night.

—Kate Claxton at the Casino, Thursday evening.

—Scarlet fever is alarmingly prevalent at Sidney Centre.

—The 24th Separate Company Band will not meet to night.

—Don't fail to see Peck's Bad Boy at the Casino, to-night.

—A party of eight young people has gone to Midway Park to bowl, this afternoon.

—Every one knows Kate Claxton and there will undoubtedly be a large house Thursday evening.

—The Port Jervis papers say that the merchants of that village report a very satisfactory holiday trade.

—The Newburgh *Press* says that a prize fight is being arranged between two residents of that city.

—The sleighing on many of the country roads is very poor. On some roads there is too much snow and on others too little.

—A combination ambulance and police and fire patrol wagon for use in Newburgh, was ordered in New York, Saturday.

—There was a brilliant aurora, this morning, and strange to say, it was brighter in the southern than in the northern heavens.

—Supervisor Nelson Wood had the bad luck to break the pole of his sleigh while turning around on the Bloomingburgh road, yesterday afternoon.

—J. S. Van Ankin, a carpenter employed in the Erie's Port Jervis' shop, had his head badly burned, Saturday afternoon, by the explosion of a torch he was using.

—Mitten & Co. now employ over 100 persons in the shirt factory they recently started at Cobleskill. They expect to increase the force to 200 in less than a year.

—The orchestra alone will be worth going to hear at Len's masquerade ball, New Year's night, at the Casino, as they will play all the latest music and popular dances of the day.

—The Consolidated Traction Company of New Jersey, in order to reduce expenses, will take off a number of cars and over 200 employees will be discharged this week.

—The grand march at Len's masquerade, at the Casino, New Year's night, will take place at 9 o'clock sharp. So go early and don't miss it. Spectators' tickets only 25 cents.

—Miss Mabel Norris, of Concord, is expected to town, to-night, to spend the remainder of the vacation with Miss Edith C. Royce, who is her classmate at Abbott Academy Andover, Mass.

—The United Presbyterian Church at Delancey, Delaware county, was destroyed by fire about 8 o'clock, Thursday morning, with practically all its contents. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

—Two English hares, weighing eleven and sixteen pounds, were shot Thursday, near Turners. Tuxedo Park was stocked with these hares several years ago and many of them escaped for a number have been killed by hunters in the neighborhood of the Park.

PERSONAL.

—E. J. Macksey, of Morristown, N. J., spent Sunday in town.

—James Hornbeck, of Middletown, is in town.—*Port Jervis Union*.

—Miss Harriet Hirst is spending her vacation with Clare O'Neill, at Fallsburgh.

—Miss Anna Woodward has gone to New York to spend the holiday vacation with friends.

—The *Gazette* notes that William Houston, of this city, is visiting friends in Port Jervis.

—Albert Remey, of Brooklyn, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. E. Swezy, of Montgomery street.

—Robert Vetter, of this city, returned home, yesterday, from a few days' visit among friends in Scranton, Pa.

—Mrs. D. Gay Lockwood, of Middle town, is visiting at E. W. Lockwood's, North street.—*Walton Reporter*.

—Dr. August Wolf and wife, of New York, spent Sunday with the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wolf.

—Mrs. Paisley, of New York, who has been visiting her parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, returned home, this morning.

—Elder F. A. Chick, of Hopewell, N. J., preached at the Old School Baptist Church, yesterday. It is said he will officiate at this church and New Vernon

during the illness of Elder Jenkins. Mr. Chick is one of the editors of the *Signs of the Times*.

—Warren Davey, of Jersey City, a student at the Stevens Institute of Technology, is visiting his cousin, Miss Louise Hartwell.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kane, of New York, who have been visiting relatives in town for a few days, returned home last evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ball, of Middletown, spent Christmas with Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garrabrant, of Matamoras.—*Union*.

—Edward A. Gunther, of New York city, who spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gunther, returned to the city, this morning.

—Miss Bertha Monaghan, of Middletown, spent Christmas with her aunts, Misses Katherine and Margaret Johnson, on Bull street.—*Port Jervis Union*.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hoik D. Campbell and son, Hoik, of Middletown, are spending the holidays with the family of Capt. and Mrs. Edgar Brodhead, of this village.—*Port Jervis Gazette*.

—Hon. Joel T. Headley sustained a stroke of paralysis, Saturday morning, at his home in Newburgh. He has only partially rallied and his recovery is regarded as very doubtful. He is eighty-three years old.

—Frank Florence, of Boston, who has been spending a few days with his parents in this city, returned home this morning. Frank is now holding the responsible and lucrative position of assistant cashier in a Boston bank.

DID THE BOY HAVE DIPHTHERIA?

Rev. Dr. Silliman's Removal of His Son from St. Stephen's College to Albany to be Investigated by the Local Health Board.

The Board of Health of the town of Red Hook, Dutchess county, proposes to prosecute Rev. Dr. George D. Silliman, of Albany, formerly rector of Grace Church, this city, for neglecting its quarantine order and removing his son, William, who was alleged to be sick with diphtheria, from St. Stephen's College to his home in Albany.

It is understood that Dr. Silliman claims that he acted under the authority of the State and Albany City Boards of Health and that a bacteriological examination of the secretions from his son's throat showed that he did not have diphtheria.

The State Board of Health has advised the Red Hook Board that Dr. Silliman should not be blamed, since he was innocent of intentional wrongdoing. Dr. Silliman has been subpoenaed to appear before the Red Hook Board. The expenses incurred by the local Health Board are about \$50 and if these are paid by Dr. Silliman it is probable that any explanation he may vouchsafe will be more than satisfactory to the offended authorities of Red Hook.

COLDEST OF THE SEASON.

The Mercury Went Far Below Zero. Last Night—Cold Seems to Have "Run in Streaks"—Some of the Temperatures Reported.

Last night was the coldest of the season. The cold seems to have "run in streaks," for in localities not many miles apart such widely different temperatures are reported that variations in thermometer readings are not account for them.

In this city 2° below zero seems to have been about the average. A few miles west of the city it was 8° below and a few miles south 6° below. At Midway Park it was 10° below, at Clevell 12° below, at Pine Bush 12° below, and it is reported that a Thompson Ridge thermometer recorded 20° below. That figure was reached at Washingtonville.

A Kingston dispatch says: "The thermometer here was 14° below zero, this morning. In the Catskills it ranged from 17 to 20° below. Rondout Harbor is frozen tight, in spite of the efforts of several tugs to keep the ice broken up.

SUDDEN DEATH AT PINE ISLAND.

Joseph Carley Died in His Chair Without a Moment's Warning.

Joseph Carley, proprietor of the hotel at Pine Island, died very suddenly at his home yesterday.

He had been to the barn doing his chores and returned to the house and sat down in a chair and expired.

He had been in his usual health and did not complain of feeling badly. His death came instantly and without a moment's warning.

Dr. Cummings, of Warwick, was hastily summoned and gave the opinion that death was caused by apoplexy.

Coroner Decker was notified and issued a death certificate.

Funeral of Mrs. Collins.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Collins was held from St. Joseph's Church at 10:30 o'clock, this morning. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Father O'Hanlon. A large pillow of flowers, bearing the word "mother," was on the casket. The bearers were Richard Moran, John Mellete, John Griffin, James Breen, Cornelius Crowley and Patrick Mulligan.

Inspection of Gen. Lyon Post.

Gen. Lyon Post, G. A. R., was inspected, Friday night, by Commander W. C. F. Bastian, of Capt. Jackson Post.

Commander Bastian made an eloquent and complimentary address, which was well received by the comrades present.

Speeches were also made by Adj't. Wheeler, Sr. Vice Commander Adams, Quartermaster Keeler and Commander Ogden.

ROOF'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliary, Indigestion, Headache, Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

AN OWL IN THE CHIMNEY.

Causes Much Trouble at Ex-Alderman Wolff's—Mistaken for a Burglar—Filled the House With Smoke.

About 3 o'clock, this morning, ex-Alderman Charles Wolff was awakened by a noise which he thought was made by a burglar and got up to investigate, but saw nothing and heard nothing more for some time. A half hour later he heard similar noises and again got up, but the noises ceased and he slept until nearly day-light, when he was aroused by the servant girl, who said the house was on fire.

The house was filled with smoke and Mr. Wolff and his sons after looking about found that the smoke came from the kitchen chimney, where the girl had just built a fire.

They extinguished the fire in the stove and sent up town for a man to ascertain what was the trouble with the chimney.

After cutting several holes in the chimney the man found a small screech owl, which had got in the chimney during the night and was unable to get out. Its struggles made the noises that awakened Mr. Wolff and his body prevented the chimney from drawing and caused the house to fill with smoke. The bird had been suffocated by the smoke.

HELD UP IN GREENVILLE.

A Port Jervis Party Has an Exciting Experience With a Tramp.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mapes and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. DeWitt, of Port Jervis, started to drive to Centreville, Friday, to eat their Christmas dinner with friends, but on account of the bad condition of the roads had to turn back before reaching their destination. While on a lonely stretch of road to Greenville a tramp attempted to hold up the party. Mr. Mapes, who was driving, tried to drive the fellow off with the whip, but it was not until he threatened him with a hot water bottle that the tramp made off.

Asking Pardon for a Former Port Jervis Tramp.

Application has been made to Gov. Altgeld for the pardon of Lawrence Farley, a former Port Jervisite, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting and killing a saloon keeper in Alton, Ill., on Thanksgiving Day, 1892. The application is made on the ground that Farley's health has failed and that he can live but a short time. Farley was a glass blower and was employed in both the Port Jervis glass factories. He gained some local fame as a ball player and is remembered by many in this city. He went west thirty years ago.

Stationary Engineers' Association Elects Officers.

At the election of officers of Middletown Corries Association, No. 49, N. A. S. E., the following officers were elected:

President—C. F. Catellaz. Vice President—G. W. Cole. Rec. Sec.—F. C. Warren. Treasurer—Galen Coleman. Fin. Sec.—W. H. Dennis. Cor. Sec.—G. W. Weiper. Conductor—Joseph Speckhoff. Trustee—Frank Mackay.

A Growing Order.

E. E. Clark, Chief of the Order of Railways Conductors, says: "In round numbers our membership has advanced from 13,400 in 1890 to 21,000 now. Our insurance department was never in a healthier or more satisfactory condition in all its history. Its membership has grown from 3,000 to 14,419 and we are paying every just claim against us at once."

Christmas Entertainment.

A very pleasing and amusing entertainment, consisting of magic, ledger-drama and music, will be given free to all members of the First Congregational Sunday School, Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 7:30 p.m. Ten cents admission will be charged those who are not members of the school.

Leah's Masquerade Ball.

Twelve judges will be chosen from the audience, who will award the prizes on New Year's night at Leah's masquerade ball. Every person purchasing a ticket will have a chance for one of the prizes enumerated on the hand bills distributed around the city.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Held Last Night at the Second Presbyterian, First Congregational and Universalist Churches.

Christmas exercises were held, last night, at the Second Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches. The attendance at both churches was large and the exercises very interesting.

At the Second Presbyterian Church the title of the programme was "Christmas Lights," and was as follows:

Song—Lights of Christmas Tide, School

Recitation—The Light of the World, Poem

Recitation—What Can Little Children Do?

Report of Superintendents and Treasurer

Report of Secretary—Christmas Queries, Edna Bell

Motion Exercises—Primary class in charge of

Miss Jessie Rogers, School

Song—Let There Be Light, School

Symphonic Exercises, Six children carrying on

Song—Again the Chorus Rings, School

Recitation—My Little Brother, Arthur Bell

Imitation of Lights, Jessie Abner and Florence

Brink, Girls by School

Recitation—Telephone Message, Lillian Morey

Solo—The Fleeting Years, Nettie Clark

Song—Jesus, the Lord, Is Born, School

Collection—Coronet Solo, John Gordon

Presentation of Bible to Adm. G. C. Fisher for the

perfect recitation of the atronomical

poem, Rev. Dr. Beattie

Address, Rev. Dr. Beattie

Recitation—Another Year, Nettie Rogers

Song—Good Night and a Happy New Year, School

At the First Congregational Church the following programme was admirably rendered:

Antem—Glory in the Highest, Choir

Song by school—Joy Bells, duet sung by Nettie

Campbell and Richard Strohacker with Apos-

trophy by Adela Powers

Recitation—I'm a Leader, Leader

Prayer by pastor

Address, Harry Arnolds

Address, May Songstacken

Song—Starry Sky, Lovely Night, School, ac-

companied by Nelly Vail, Ira O'Neal, Edith

Greene, Florence Shad, Grace Hopper

Recitation—Christmas Carol, Anna Farris

Recitation—December, Anna Farris

Song—Night, a trip from Miss Parsons

class, Fannie Devoe, Ira O'Neal, Nettie Camp-

bell

Recitation—Once a Year, Harold Harding

Recitation—Christmas Carol, Jessie Craig

Song—Merry Christmas, School, Solo

Recitation—The Comfort of the Stars, Richard Songstacken

Song—The Children's Christmas, School

Recitation—Our Little Old Man, and Our Little

Old Maid, Florence Devoe

Song and Recitation—Class Jewels, Florence

Devoe, Richard Songstacken

Song—Out in the Dark, School

Recitation—We Blew the Little Stockings, Emma Kester

Recitation—Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, Ralph Van Duzer

Christmas—Shagwidge, Emma Pierce, Alice

Dewsbury, Irene Durstine, Grace Brink-

erhoff, Ethel Bodine, Della Brooks, Collection

The Universalist Sunday School's Christmas exercises were held in the Assembly Rooms, and were of a very interesting character. The exercises were under the direction of Mrs. Emery, wife of the pastor, and the excellence of the performance of the children was proof of her thorough instruction. The programme was as follows:

Recitation—Christmas Carol, Frances Chapman

Song—A Christmas Carol, Edith Clark

Recitation—The Star is Shining in the Sky, Anna Farris

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